

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed February 6, 2007. Claims 1-8, 13-27, 32-39, 41, and 43 were pending in the application. Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 1-8, 13-18, 20-27, 32-39, 41, and 43 have been allowed. In this response, claim 19 has been amended without adding any new matter. No claims have been added or cancelled. Thus, claims 1-8, 13-27, 32-39, 41, and 43 are pending in the application. Reconsideration in light of the amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 101

The Examiner rejected claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. In particular, the Examiner states that the claim recites functionally descriptive material, where the “Functional descriptive material must be embodied on a *computer readable* medium to impart its functionality” (Office Action, mailed February 6, 2007, page 2, emphasis in original). Applicants have amended claim 19 to recite “An article of manufacture having a computer readable storage medium” In light of the amendment, Applicants submit that claim 19 is directed to statutory subject matter.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection of claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as lacking patentable utility.

Conclusion

Applicant reserves all rights with respect to the applicability of the doctrine of equivalents. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Authorization is given to treat any concurrent or future reply, requiring a petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for its timely submission, as incorporating a petition for extension of time for the appropriate length of time. If any other petition is necessary for consideration of this paper, it is hereby so petitioned.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application. Please charge any shortage in fees in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 02-2666 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

Respectfully submitted,
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